

**ALERT #2017-08-15 MUSHROOM POISONING****K  
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S***Has the patient eaten wild mushrooms or toadstools?"**"Is the patient having difficulty breathing or short of breath?"**"Does the patient have pains in the abdomen?"**"Does the patient have diarrhea or vomiting?"**"Is the patient bleeding from the mouth, nose or any other part of the body?"***SIMULTANEOUS ALS/BLS****BLS.DISPATCH****D  
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H****Not breathing/Difficulty breathing****Uncontrolled bleeding****Unconscious/Decreased level of consciousness****No critical symptoms****Pre-Arrival Instructions**

Remove any remaining parts of the mushroom from the victim's mouth and place in a paper bag.

Advise callers to retain suspect product until advised to dispose.

Take photo of mushroom (if available)

- Place quarter or coin next to mushroom for size comparison.
- Take multiple shots of various angles.

Poison Specialist can give you email to send photo to so the poison center can identify it

Not every mushroom exposure has to go to an ED.

**Prompts****Short Report**

**Conference caller with Poison Control (1-800-222-1222)**

**NOTIFY LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER OF ALL PATIENTS MEETING THIS CRITERIA.**

[http://nj.gov/health/lh/documents/lhd\\_after\\_hours\\_emerg\\_contact\\_numbers.pdf](http://nj.gov/health/lh/documents/lhd_after_hours_emerg_contact_numbers.pdf) unable to contact Local Health, call CDS' at: 609-826-5964 (business hours), 609-392-2020 (after hours).

Advise responding units of signs and symptoms of patient

Age  
Sex  
Specific location  
Chief complaint  
Pertinent related symptoms  
Medical/Surgical history, if any  
Other agencies responding  
Any dangers to responding units